Underground fire in Jharia-Dhanbad area

†*410. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) has written any letter to the Ministry of Coal regarding accidents of caving-in of land due to underground fire in the Jharia-Dhanbad area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the indifferent attitude of the State Government has been mentioned in this letter; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Coking Coal Limited. (BCCL) has reported an accident due to caving-in of land i.e. subsidence, in which two houses collapsed at Kusunda Collieries area at 2.15 AM on 15.3.2007 (night shift of 14.3.2007) involving loss of life of ten persons and injuries to five persons. All the persons involved belonged to families of two BCCL employees. This subsidence has occurred in old abandoned mined out area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) To deal with the problems of fire, subsidence and rehabilitation in the leasehold area of BCCL a Master Plan (updated July 2006) has been prepared covering the following aspects:

(i) The existing 67 nos of fires is proposed to be controlled/ extinguished by implementing 45 numbers of fire projects in 12 years time with a total investment of Rs. 2152.51 crores.

(ii) Total 595 number of sites are proposed to be resettled. Total number of houses to be rehabilitated has been estimated at 98314 involving:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

BCCL houses	:	44155
Non-BCCL houses		
(Authorised Private)	:	29444
Un-authorised (Encroachers)	:	23847
Others (Religious structures, Schools, Post office etc.)	:	868
TOTAL	:	98314

(iii) The houses from the endangered area to be rehabilitated in 4 to 5 satellite townships in non coal bearing areas along the periphery of Jharia Coalfield. The total investment has been estimated at Rs. 4185.94 Crs. to be spent in 12 years time frame.

(iv) The rehabilitation of BCCL houses shall be the responsibility of BCCL. Rehabilitation of Non-BCCL houses from the endangered areas shall be the responsibility of State Govt. of Jharkhand and necessary fund will be made available to State Govt. by BCCL.

(v) An Authority namely Jharia Rehabilitation and Development Authority (JRDA) has been constituted by State Govt. under the Chairmanship of Commissioner North Chotanagpur for the purpose of rehabilitation of non-BCCL houses.

(vi) A demonstration Scheme for shifting of 3100 non-BCCL houses (un-authorized) is under implementation at Belgoria mouza where work is in progress for which a total fund of Rs. 16.4 crores has already been made available to JRDA till date.

Monitoring of Telecom Companies by TRAI

*411. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private mobile telecom companies are not passing on proper tariff rates to subscribers;